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Beltway Plaza Mall Opens To Shoppers November 29

by Elaine Skolnik

With the snipping of a red ribbon and balloons floating skyward, the Beltway Plaza Shopping Mall opened on Monday morning, November 29, one week behind schedule. Looking on while county councilman Francis White wielded the scissors was developer Sidney Brown, who said, "We have waited for this day for ten years. From the beginning I promised a large department store and a climate-controlled mall. In spite of the obstacles - and there have been a few as you well know - we have succeeded. Sometimes, things take a little longer, but I always keep my promises."

Some 23 stores, very attractively furnished, were open for business on Monday. Owners, managers and employees (many of whom were Greenbelters) greeted the crowds warmly, offering orchids, balloons, drawings, and other souvenirs. Red-skin football players, Charlie Harraway, Chris Hanburger and Myron Pottios were also on hand in the evening to round out the opening day fanfare.

Originally scheduled for opening on November 22, the doors of the mall remained closed by order of the county Board of Licenses and Permits, who said that Brown had not conformed to the sodding and other anti-erosion work required of his building permit.

After a court hearing on November 22 at which Brown contested the BLP action, an agreement was reached which would permit the opening of the shopping center addition, provided Brown did the necessary grading, sodding and anti-erosion work.

Permit Granted

On Saturday, November 27, BLP director Louis Gershenow issued the use and occupancy permit after noting that 99 percent of the required work was finished.

Under the terms of the settlement, Brown had to place 20 feet of sod across the entire base of the hill behind the shopping center, and grade and mulch the remaining unsodded hills. Brown was also required to post a bond for \$10,853 guaranteeing by June 1, 1972 the grading and stabilization of the remaining area either by seed or sodding.

Gershenow said that BLP will maintain close supervision over the project to assure that the hills are maintained properly and that corrections are made in the event material is washed away or fissures develop. He said that BLP will stay in the picture until permanent ground cover is provided.

Gershenow felt that the county's adherence to its grading and other ordinances will set a good precedent. "The laws are on the books," he said, "and they are going to be enforced."

Gershenow met several times with the tenants during the week of November 22 to explain why the mall was not being opened and what had to be done. He praised the attitude of the tenants - "a very fine group," he said.

Status of Suit

In a related matter, concerning the suit filed by the county and State against First National Realty and Brown for allegedly polluting Indian Creek, a motion for dismissal was argued on Wednesday, November 24 before Judge Robert Mathias.

The court decided to dismiss three of the eight counts which charged erosion from the shopping center's land because they dealt with incidents that occurred in May and September 1970, more than a year beyond the one-year Statute of Limitations. The court has taken the other charges under advisement.

Brown's attorney, Karl Feissner,

is arguing that the definition of pollution contained in the statute is constitutionally vague and overreaching and its title is misleading since it does not relate to criminal penalties.

WHAT GOES ON

Friday, Dec. 3, 8:30 am City-wide Paper Pick-up
Monday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Tuesday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. SHL Civic Association Annual Meeting, SHL Community Room
7:30 p.m. Center School PTA Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Greenbelt Riding Club, Youth Center
Thursday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. GHI Special Membership Meeting, Center School

APB Endorses Construction Of Perimeter Rd. to Ease Local Traffic Congestion

Construction of the perimeter road and the Kenilworth Avenue-Greenbelt Road underpass has been recommended in Report #111 by the city's Advisory Planning Board as the most important local highway needs.

Construction of the perimeter road was given the highest priority because it would allow an interchange of people and facilities between the core of Greenbelt and Springhill Lake and those subdivisions proposed east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The APB also felt that the perimeter road would allow better access by the State police to highway areas in this vicinity.

The APB recommended that the construction of the Kenilworth Avenue-Greenbelt Road underpass follow that of the perimeter road so that there will be a minimum of interference with local Greenbelt traffic while the underpass and its ramps are being constructed. The APB estimated that the perimeter road will further relieve congestion by removing at least 10,000 cars a day from this interchange.

The APB said it was not in a position to endorse any specific locations for the perimeter road but felt that in the northern part of Greenbelt the perimeter road could possibly be constructed so as not to pass close to residential neighborhoods and could possibly be constructed on land not within Greenbelt.

It also recommended that the State Roads Commission reorder its priority list for its Twenty Year Highway Needs Study so as to give a lower priority to the extension of Kenilworth Ave. to Route 1 and to the improvement of Greenbelt Road west of Kenilworth Ave. It also suggested that interchanges connecting Good Luck Road with the Parkway and Beltway be added to the SRC list.

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday,
December 6, 1971
8:00 P.M.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 15, 1971
Minutes of November 16, 1971 - Continuation of Regular Meeting of November 15, 1971

5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

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- 7 Administrative Reports
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- b CRAB Report - Prince George's County Drug Program
- c Swimming Pool Committee - Indoor Swimming Pool

III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 Twenty Year Highway Needs Study - APB Report #111
- 10 Prince George's County Mandatory Dedication Ordinance
- 11 Status of Acquisition of Springhill Lake Golf Course Property

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- 22 Interstate 95

Paper Pick-up Friday

Friday morning, December 3, is the time to have your bundled newspapers and magazines ready by 8:30 a.m. for pick-up at the following locations:

University Square and Springhill Lake - next to any yellow curb;

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. - At the entranceway to the court;

Lakeside North - at the Ridge Road entrance;

Charlestowne North - in the central storage area;

Charlestowne Village - Along Lakecrest Drive;

Single Family Homes - Next to the curb by your driveway.

GHI Given Body Blow By Assessor's Office

by Al Skolnik

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members at Monday's budget hearing were stunned by a report that the county assessor's office had raised the GHI property assessment by \$3,781,000 or 48 percent. According to GHI manager Roy Breashears, the hike from the present assessment of \$7,840,590 to \$11,621,590 would mean an increase of \$182,395 in 1972 taxes, assuming no increase in city or county tax rates. Of this, \$168,063 would have to be charged against members, since tax reserves only amount to \$14,332.

The tax increase alone is more than the 10 percent increase that the GHI board is authorized to make without membership approval. A special membership meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9 at the Center School Auditorium to get membership approval of an increase in operating expenses of 10 percent or more.

GHI president Nat Shinderman, backed by board members, said GHI will do everything possible to fight the reassessment. Breashears said that according to first impressions it appears that the assessor's office based the new valuation on the highest increases reported in the selling price of GHI homes.

Shinderman emphasized that regardless of any appeals filed, State law requires that taxes be paid according to the new assessment. If GHI appeals successfully, it will get a refund but in the meantime, he said, "we will have to pay taxes on the higher assessed valuation."

Gordon Allen suggested that since the reassessment was based on exorbitant profit-taking by sellers of GHI-homes, the corporation should try to recoup some of these profits. Ben Elkins took exception on the grounds that this would infringe upon the individual rights granted by the mutual ownership contract. Further, he feared that if the corporation took a slice of profits this year, next year it could be expected to take a larger slice.

Trash Collection

There were few suggestions from the 50-odd members attending last Monday's hearing on how the budget could be pared. Most of the items covered represented fixed or non-controllable items.

Eunice Coxon, stating that she had no confidence in any figures projected by GHI management, urged the board to allow for no increases in trash collection and water costs. She said the projections were based on "iffy" propositions and took issue with city manager James Giese's appraisal that the trash collection situation will require a \$1 to \$3 increase in fees next July. She quoted council members as telling her that too many factors enter into the picture to determine now what the increase will be.

Shinderman rejoined that GHI cannot avoid paying higher costs for services furnished the corporation by not allowing for the increases in the budget.

"Regardless of what we put in the budget," he said, "we will still have to pay the water, trash col-

Reserves

The hearing, which was scheduled for resumption on the following night, closed in the midst of a discussion on reserves. Mabel Kandler, recasting her thinking of last spring, said that upon further analysis of the reserve situation she felt that perhaps the 1972 budget was setting aside too much money for reserves.

"The corporation," she said, "is really not destitute." Shinderman welcomed her views, saying that "this is what I have been trying to tell the members for years."

Mrs. Kandler, however, said that the corporate situation would have been much better if it had not used its reserve funds to lend money to members for home improvements and to finance the mortgage for the four free-standing homes.

Shinderman reminded the members that these lending programs produce interest better than the bank rate and income that is used to relieve the budget and to keep down the increase in monthly charges that otherwise would have to be paid.

A welcome guest was Paul Campbell, who was the first GHI manager, from 1952 to 1962 (with one temporary absence). Campbell was accompanied by foreign visitors who were gaining first-hand experience on a cooperative in action.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS!

Remember

The Special Membership Meeting for consideration of the 1972 Budget is next Thursday, December 9 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Center School Auditorium. Urgent that all members attend.

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A Refreshing Change

We are pleased that county officials last week were insistent on the completion of necessary grading and ground cover work before granting a permit for the opening of the 63-store addition to the Beltway Plaza regional shopping center. This action represents a refreshing change of attitude on the part of the present county's Board of Licenses and Permits. In the past Boards had tended to succumb to the "economic hardship" pleas of builders and developers — often at the expense of the public interest. We also wish to congratulate county executive William Gullett and the State Department of Water Resources for backing the county Board all the way down the line.

If such an attitude had prevailed eight years ago when the first section of the Beltway Plaza shopping center was constructed, perhaps Greenbelt and the county would have been spared the embankment problem adjacent to Klein's which is now causing so much concern. And developer, Sidney Brown, might have avoided the criminal suit now pending against him for allegedly polluting Indian Creek.

Though we regret the hardship caused to Plaza tenants and their employees we nevertheless feel that the Board of Licenses and Permits had no other responsible course than to withhold the permits until the conditions were met. It must be remembered that Mr. Brown had agreed to provide certain sediment controls and ground cover at the time building permits for the addition were granted in December 1970.

Greenbelt has had too many examples of developers who sign agreements, covenants and what have you, apparently with the intent of seeking legal loopholes when later asked to keep their promises.

Needed - A Second Look

The city's Advisory Planning Board report recommending that a high priority be given to the construction of a perimeter road is disturbing. This road, as our readers may recall, was intended to start at Greenbelt Road, cut through Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake, cross the Capital Beltway, swing along the northern boundaries of the city, then head south through parcels 1 and 2, cross the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, cut through the Smith-Ewing property, and meet up again with Greenbelt Road.

What is disturbing about the APB report is not its endorsement of the concept of a perimeter road, but the reasoning used in giving it a high priority. The original thinking behind the perimeter road was recognition of the need for an entirely new arterial road that would siphon off traffic that otherwise would clog the existing narrow residential roads of Ridge, Northway, and Crescent, if and when Parcels 1 and 2 (land between the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property and the B-W Parkway) were developed, either for a senior high school or high density residences.

The APB report, however, seems to assume that the main virtue of a perimeter road is to relieve Greenbelt Road (Rt. 193) traffic. In fact, the APB even suggested that the perimeter road be built before the Kenilworth Ave.-Greenbelt Road interchange is constructed so as to remove at least 10,000 cars a day from this interchange.

We believe that the last thing Greenbelters want is to encourage through non-resident traffic going to and from NASA to detour through the residential areas of Greenbriar, parcels 1 and 2, and Springhill Lake so as to avoid the Greenbelt Road-Kenilworth Ave. interchange.

This difference in approach is important because under the original justification for the perimeter road, if parcels 1 and 2 are not developed or only partially developed, there will no longer exist a need for the perimeter road. Under the new APB thinking, there would be a need for a perimeter road regardless of what happens to parcels 1 and 2.

The other justification often cited for a perimeter road — to provide Springhill Lake residents with another outlet to Kenilworth Ave. and the Greenbelt core — could be accomplished by constructing only that part of the perimeter road lying west of Kenilworth Ave.

We strongly urge the APB to reconsider the thinking that went into its recommendation.

Nursery School Vacancy

Holy Cross Lutheran Church-MS, 6905 Greenbelt Road, conducts a nursery school for children in the three and four-year-old age bracket. A vacancy has arisen in the class, and any parent interested in enrolling a child in the school should call the church office at 345-5111.

Mishkan Torah Men's Club

Ben Weintraub, a leader of the Jewish Defense League, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday morning breakfast of the Mishkan Torah Men's club on Sunday, December 5 at 10 a.m. at the synagogue. The Jewish Defense League is fighting for the right of Jews in the Soviet Union to worship as Jews or to emigrate to Israel. Everyone is welcome.

A Special Thank You

This is a "thank you" to some very special people who helped in an emergency in my home.

Saturday about 10 a.m. I called GHI Maintenance because it looked to me as if I had a very imminent sewage backup.

1) Thank you to Tom White, GHI Board Member, who kept me company, lent me courage and sympathy and literally tried to "will" back the sewage periodically surging into my powder room, hall and living room from about 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. while he wasn't telephoning for assistance. Total 5 hrs.

2) Thank you to Michael Murrow, who left his work and without any help cleaned and scrubbed up human excrement from six units which had poured into my home without hindrance from about 11 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. Michael did the work GHI had been ordered to do and did not. Michael Murrow does not live in the Coop (Total 4 hrs.).

3) Thank you to Steve Polaschik, a GHI Board Member, for implementing the removal of my sewage-soaked living room rug at 2:35 p.m. Sunday. Mr. Polaschik then mopped and disinfected most of my living room floor himself and saw that the outside work was started to relieve the sewer and that the valve opened under the house by GHI the previous evening was closed! The opened valve held the matter in abeyance temporarily by relieving the pressure on my commode but allowed sewage into the crawl space! He returned later to see work was continued until completed. Total time 4-5 hours.

4) Thanks to Rhea Cohen, my son, and daughter-in-law Linda, and others who offered me refuge in their homes together with my bed, maxi mist, medicines and other sick room supplies. Saturday, November 27 was my 7th day in bed. Rhea called in WSCC also. Thanks to the Vaughns next door who helped ed.

GHI maintenance crews - job hours approximately as follows:

11-27-71-2:40 p.m. - 3:50 p.m., 1 hr. 10 minutes

11-27-71-4:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., 1 hr. 30 minutes

11-28-71-2:35 p.m. - 7:35 p.m., 5 hrs.

Total 7 hrs. 40 minutes

Again, thank you to all those who cared so much. And there are board members who believe they represent the members and the members are not always wrong!

Mildred Murrow

P. S. Now does anyone question the need for a comprehensive management audit from the lowest peon to the top management, and for every red cent?

St. Hugh's Antique Fair

The second annual St. Hugh's Antiques Fair will officially open Friday morning, December 3, when Msgr. Raymond Boland, pastor of the church, presides at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Approximately 25 well-known antique dealers from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia will show the brightest pieces in their collections at the three-day exhibit and sale. The Fair will run from noon until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4 and from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday, December 5.

The value of the antiques and collectibles to be exhibited is estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

WOMEN OF ST. HUGH'S

On Wednesday evening, December 8, immediately following the 7:30 mass, the Women of St. Hugh's Sodality will hold their regular meeting in Grenoble Hall. Sister Marie Dolores, Congregation of Notre Dame de Namur, on the staff of the Kennedy Institute, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker. A brief meeting will follow. Refreshments, with a holiday theme, supervised by Mrs. Lawrence White and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, will be served.

... Letters to the Editor ...**Interfaith Service**

One of the most inspiring of our combined Thanksgiving services over the years it has been held was our 1971 event, held in the St. Hugh's sanctuary. The simplicity beauty, and heroic majesty of this sanctuary was sufficient of itself to make this an experience to remember. The fact that here were four churches combining to give Greenbelt people a service of thanksgiving was little less than thrilling.

Each pastor offered prayers and meditation on Thanksgiving, with the host pastor, Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Boland of St. Hugh's giving the welcome; Rev. Robert L. Field, of the Community Church; Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist church; Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg, of the Mishkan Torah; and Msgr. Boland closing with Thanksgiving Litany from Psalms 139; was a fine demonstration of the "Brotherhood of Man."

Appropriate and excellent music was interspersed by choirs of all the churches and the "Modern Mass" group with their guitars added to the total meaning of the 1971 Interfaith Thanksgiving.

Sincere thanks to the persons who arranged for this service. May it continue to survive and grow.

Ralph E. Noble

GASP is Thankful

Those of us who represented the Greenbelt chapter of GASP (Group Against Smoking Pollution) at the last city council meeting, wish to thank our council members for voting to request that there be no smoking at future meetings.

Greenbelters are nicer than anybody, so we are sure that this voluntary compliance will be honored out of consideration for those of us who suffer excessively from this form of indoor air pollution.

Dorothy Galvin
Sonia Garin
Helen Geller
Diane Mann
Leah Warner

Silver Jubilee Reception

A reception in honor of the Silver Jubilee of Ordination of the Rev. Matthew P. Thekaekara, 8 Lakeview Circle, was given on Nov. 20 by Mrs. Janet S. Kuhn and her family. Attending the reception were Dr. C. G. Abbot, formerly of the Smithsonian Institution and Mrs. Abbot, residents of Lakeview Circle, Frs. Boland and Amey of St. Hugh's and several prominent scientists who are co-workers of Fr. Thekaekara at Goddard Space Flight Center. Fr. Thekaekara is a priest-scientist who has received several awards for his work on the energy of the sun, including the Space Environment Award in Los Angeles last April and the NASA GSFC Exceptional Performance Award in December last year. Fr. Thekaekara left for India on Nov. 23 for Silver Jubilee celebrations to be held in his home town of Changanacherry, Kerala. He will be addressing scientific meetings in Madras and Bangalore and will be on the radio program of the Voice of America. He is the author of several books and of over 70 technical publications.

In short, we can and should demand an end to what has been callous speculation in human lives.

Rhea Cohen

Thanks

A thank you to my friends in Greenbelt for their prayers and good wishes during my recent illness. God bless you all.

Vilma Cormack
6-B Ridge



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Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

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11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
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(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md. Telephone 474-9410

Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Pastor - Tel. 474-3381

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

(Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00)

Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.M.

Council, Set For Speedy Meeting, Foiled by Dogs

by Bob McGee

In contrast to the packed house and emotionally charged atmosphere of the city council meeting the night before, just a handful of people showed up for the postponed continuation on Tuesday night, November 16; and generally good spirits prevailed. What Mayor Dick Pilski thought would just be a quickie meeting to clean up the rest of the regular meeting agenda threatened to become a marathon, as a result of some lengthy discourse on dogs, but brevity won out on most other items so that council beat its 10:30 p.m. deadline.

Dog Issue

The dog discussion pretty well typified much of the action on other matters — an unusually high degree of cooperation and levity among council members and the audience. Councilwoman Rhea Cohen had asked that the animal ordinance be placed on the agenda because she had received calls from mothers complaining that their children were being frightened on their way to and from North End School, by large dogs running loose.

Mrs. Cohen noted that the ordinance had been amended recently, with fees being increased to take care of the problem. She wondered about the recommendation in the Edward's Animal Control Report that a prerequisite for dog-catcher be "the ability to run fast." City manager Giese acknowledged difficulties regarding enforcement, particularly when ownership of the animal is in doubt, because "dogs can be difficult to catch."

Mayor Pilski became upset when it was stated that a city employee had told one of the mothers that nothing could be done unless she could hold one of the dogs until identification could be made. He said that he wanted the manager to do something about that, because "although it may be an employee speaking, citizens hold the mayor and council responsible" for any lack of courtesy.

Councilman Charles Schwan thought, on the other hand, that the employee's advice might not be so bad. In view of the "extreme difficulty in catching loose animals," it might be well to invoke the principle of "posse comitatus," asking all citizens to "join the chase." David Lange volunteered that an event like that might well be featured at the Labor Day Festival, though perhaps substituting pigs for dogs.

The matter was finally referred to the manager for action, with Pilski expressing relief that Mrs. Cohen was not trying to bring the animal ordinance up for amendment again.

Mandatory Dedication Law

In other actions, council approved a proposal to amend the Prince Georges county mandatory dedication ordinance so that Greenbelt will be recognized as a park authority and thus be able to receive land as part of the mandatory dedication of developed land for open space; and it agreed to call on the county for assistance in paying for the traffic lights to be installed at Southway and Greenbelt Roads, and where appropriate within the city limits of Greenbelt. Approved also was a bid by the Maryland Athletic Sales Company to install a 15-man universal gym machine at a total cost of \$2,648.57.

At the request of councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay, council agreed to contact the appropriate regulatory agency requesting reconsideration of W.M.A. fares and routes in Greenbelt with a view toward getting more frequent service at a lower cost; and also to request the manager to prepare a report on the possibilities of establishing a city building code.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld urged that the city charter be amended to prevent elections from falling on major religious holidays, as occurred this year, and council agreed. On the motion of Schwan, council also agreed to request the city manager to prepare an amendment that would provide 3-year overlapping terms for members of the Park and Recreation Advisory

Board, making them similar to other advisory boards of the city.

A request for a walkway easement that would go through former councilman Gerald Gough's back yard was put off until the city manager could get more facts. Councilmen wondered why the North End School P.T.A. wasn't involved and making recommendations if the matter was so urgent.

Beltway Plaza

Council ended its long, long agenda on an old familiar refrain — doing something about the clay hills of Beltway Plaza. This time council passed a resolution offered by Schwan to express appreciation to those appropriate state and county agencies for their efforts in "endeavoring to correct and ameliorate conditions at the Beltway Plaza."

Springhill Lake Civic Association to Meet

The Springhill Lake Civic Association will hold its annual meeting and Board of Directors election on Tuesday, December 7. The meeting will be held at the Springhill Lake Community Room, beginning at 8 p.m.

Nine members will be elected to the Board of the Civic Association for 1972.

In addition to the election, a discussion will be held concerning the traffic changes expected for Springhill Lake in the near future. It has been announced that a divider strip will be erected on Greenbelt Road making left turns from Edmonston Road impossible, and that a traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane.

All residents of Springhill Lake are invited to attend the meeting.

SCAN THE SKIES

A chance to scan the skies through a huge 20-inch telescope will be offered at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus, series of "Astronomy Open House" evenings.

Held on the 5th and 20th of each month in the University's Observatory just off Metzerott Road in College Park, the sessions are open to the public, free of charge. The observatory will be open at 8:30 p.m., for approximately two hours.

Also shown will be a display of telescopes, movies and slides; and talks on different aspects of astronomy will be presented.

The talks will be given by faculty and graduate students from the University's department of astronomy, which is sponsoring the series. Topics to be covered include: supernovae (exploding stars); Mars—the red planet; and galaxies in the Milky Way.

Groups of five or more should phone for reservations, 454-3001.

Paper Pick-up Friday, Dec. 3

Have your papers in the designated pick-up area by 8:30 A.M. In the event they are missed, call the City Offices, 474-8000. In case of rain, do not put papers out until Monday, December 6, or the next dry day thereafter.

Recreation Review

Kava

Kava takes great pleasure in announcing its fifth dance of the season featuring live entertainment provided by the truly sensational group, "Spectrum." Join the active generation this Saturday night, December 4, at the Recreation Center from 8 - 11 p.m. All senior high teens are invited and dress is casual.

Arts & Crafts

Parents! Imagination is a rare attribute which flourishes only when stimulated by a constructive program such as Arts and Crafts. This class is offered free of charge at various times and locations: Youth Center, Monday 4:50 p.m. 6 and 7 years old; Wednesday, 4:50 p.m. 8 years and over; Friday, 4:50 p.m. 10 years and over. Springhill Lake Elementary School Saturday, 9:10:30 a.m. 6 years and over.

Open Gym

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has initiated an Open Gym Program at Greenbelt Junior High School on Sunday afternoons from 1-6 p.m. This program is offered free of charge and is a perfect vent for any stored-up or superfluous energy.

Civic Group Opposes Sewage Plant

On November 4, the Prince Georges Civic Federation unanimously passed a motion opposing the installation of a package sewage treatment plant in the Greenbriar subdivision of Greenbelt.

The main reason cited was the danger to the health and welfare of the citizens of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park, Lakeland and other points downstream along Indian Creek.

Jaycee Youth Program

The Jaycees provide many services to the City of Greenbelt, among the most important being the Youth Program. Each month the Jaycees provide activities of interest to fatherless boys between the ages of eight to fifteen. In addition to competitive sports, the activities with the boys include trips to museums, professional ballgames and hikes.

On Saturday, November 20, seven of the local boys played a game of football with the Jaycees. Afterwards, the players adjourned to the Jaycee Center for cokes. The boys enjoyed the game and refreshments and the opportunity to meet and identify with men.

The next Youth Program activity is planned for December 18. For additional information, contact Dave Myers, External Vice President, 474-0078.



Greenbelt participants in this year's Turkey Trot are from left to right: Mike Talbot, Pat Kenny, Alex Barnes, Charles Harper, Milton Greenbaum and Larry Noel.

Turkey Trot Race Results

The annual 20-mile Turkey Trot and 2-mile races, sponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees to promote physical fitness, attracted the largest field in its history, 165 competitors in both races. The featured 20-miler was won by Max White of Princeton, N.J. in a new course record of 1 hour 50 minutes and 2.7 seconds, defeating Jack Fultz of the U.S. Coast Guard by 2 minutes and 18 seconds.

Greenbelters finished as follows: Bob Harper (15th) 2:04:45, Alexander Barnes (40th) 2:24:19, Milt Greenbaum (43rd) 2:27:17, Mike Talbot (47th) 2:29:11 and Tom Noel (56th) 2:45:47.

Tom Noel at 11 years, was the youngest finisher. He attends St. Hugh's and runs for Sports International.

Ninety runners started and 65 finished in cool but good running weather over a new course, mainly in the Agricultural Farm, with the start and finish at Braden Field.

A newly measured 2-mile course around the lake saw Mike Bradley of Silver Spring win over a field of 75 in the time of 10:09. Andy Feeney of Greenbelt finished 7th in 10:59.

The complete list of runners for both races will be posted in a few days in the Youth Center.

Paper Pick-up Policy During Rain or Snow

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Atlantis on the Hill

by Robert Muller

This is the fourth in a series of excerpts from a manuscript entitled *Atlantis on the Hill: A History of Greenbelt, Maryland, 1932-1970* prepared by a New Jersey scholar, Robert Muller. Today's chapter deals with the war and post-war years of the 1940's.

Chapter Seven
Sergeant York

Greenbelt entered the '40's buoyed by the enthusiasm of the cooperative organizations. In an advertisement appearing in *The Cooperator*, Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., proclaimed "Democracy in action . . . is an inspiring sight today; especially democracy in business, the field where democracy is lacking even in America. The stores of Greenbelt are now owned and controlled by you, the residents of Greenbelt. You can walk into stores confident that cooperative wholesaling and retailing offer you the best possible values. You, your neighbors, and democratically minded people throughout the country are uniting in a thoroughly democratic system, designed for one purpose . . . better values to the consumer. Your stores will succeed only through your loyal patronage and interest. Every dollar spent in your own stores strengthens your power; every dollar spent with your competitor strengthens your competitor." 121

In such a mood, Greenbelt pushed adoption of private home ownership. A housing group was formed to establish a cooperative housing corporation, and to prepare a charter and the by-laws for the proposed corporation. Such measures prompted the outgoing Farm Security Administrator Will Winton Alexander to remark, "more good democratic action has come out of Greenbelt than from any other project over which we have had jurisdiction . . . I hope the housing committee will carry through to a finish the work it has started. Keep up the good work!" Sites soon became available to private home builders, and by June, Greenbelt's new housing project began to take shape with a nucleus of fourteen families.

(I)

Such feverish activity was bound to reawaken the nation's press. The business world seethed when *The Cooperator* arrogantly described Greenbelt as "a tiny island in the sea of the profit system." After all, "Greenbelt is only a symbol of federal resettlement and housing. It is an example of the waste and ineptitude that results when Government undertakes to do a job that should be done by private enterprise . . . Greenbelt soon will be in the process of liquidation . . . thus passes another epic of paradise lost." 125

However, Greenbelters responded with, "the idea behind Greenbelt existed long before the men who planned our town were born, and will survive, regardless of what happens to this particular hunk of Maryland landscape. The writers who derisively call it Utopia cannot be aware of how near they come to the truth; Greenbelt's greatest value lies not only in the possibilities it has offered to all who have come to live in the community, but also in its actual accomplishments. Out of worn-out tobacco fields and low-income families, Greenbelt has built a town of tomorrow whose advantages are apparent even to its detractors, and a citizenry new in the realization that they have something worth fighting for together." 127

(II)

Late in August, 1940, the Town Council, cognizant of the atmosphere of uncertainty as to the future of Greenbelt fostered by press reports and fed by current rumors, authorized a committee to explore the possibilities of a proposed transfer of Greenbelt property from the Farm Security Administration to a housing authority with a particular view to determining the feasibility of having such a transfer made to a body of local citizens as trustees for the town.

City Manager Roy Braden had stated earlier that the Government would never sell the Greenbelt property. However, Greenbelt's once indifferent population suddenly ignored this promise and became

quite perturbed, and vocal. Assurances were therefore given that the committee would be consulted before any steps were taken. 131

As Greenbelt moved towards independence, the nation moved toward war. Pearl Harbor fell on December 7, 1941. Thoughts of independence would have to wait.

(III)

Greenbelt home forces enthusiastically supported the war effort. "With the concern of the entire community turned toward Greenbelt, cooperation of local residents made Greenbelt one of the most completely dark towns participating in the practice black-out last Friday night, according to County Air Raid Warden, Robert Forrest. 'This is particularly gratifying' he said, 'since Greenbelt is one spot that stands out more than any other in the county.' 137

In early 1942, Eleanor Roosevelt staged a defense rally for Greenbelt's behalf; and to mark the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the Greenbelt theatre presented Sergeant York. As part of the theatres' participation in the national campaign to encourage people to buy more war bonds, the theatre manager offered free admission to anyone buying a war bond in the lobby of the theatre.

Greenbelt also sacrificed manpower, and in 1944, "the latest crop of 1-A draft reclassifications will apparently take out of Greenbelt an older group of men, nearly all of whom hold some important position in the community. When the young men were taken into the military service their share of local jobs and community responsibilities were taken over by women and family men. Now, with more men going into uniform, more women must fill the gaps in community services. It looks as though Greenbelt will be a woman's town for the immediate future." 138

(IV)

1945 brought with it the death of the President, and Greenbelters joined in a memorial service to mourn him. "Our town was of extraordinary interest to Mr. Roosevelt, as he played an active part in its planning and development. In the gloomy 30's, when the depression was at its height and unemployment the gravest problem facing the nation, the vision of Greenbelt took place. A vast army of unemployed men were put to work creating under skilled direction, a community of a brand new type. It was to serve as a demonstration that decent, attractive housing could be profitably provided for low and middle income groups. Along the democratic lines of the early New England communities, a voice in the town government was to be enjoyed by all residents. Citizens of these planned communities were also offered the opportunity to run their own services. Mr. Roosevelt's concern for the common man so expressively put by Mrs. Roosevelt in the first *My Day* column written after her husband's death, nowhere found a clearer expression than in Greenbelt communities. Our town is a living symbol to the spirit and the hopes of the great leader whose departure we mourn. It is our task to keep it a worthy memorial." 139

However, FDR's death was soon overshadowed by more earth shattering news. "We saw VE Day through a mist of tears. One could give thanks that half of the terrible globe-circling conflict was over, but, could never forget the incalculable suffering or the broken hearts and homes left in the wake of the war in Europe. Ahead lies more of the same." 140 Then, "seconds after the 7 o'clock news flash announcing the end of the war, the town air raid siren blared the tidings all the way to the North End, and residents listening to the broadcasts from Washington and New York found their radios drowned out by the automobile horns honking and tin

cans clattering and pots banging by as the mobile portion of the populace streamed down to the Center to make joyful noise over the victory in the Pacific." 141

(V)

Post-war Greenbelt was marked by rather high feelings, which developed between old and new residents. In fact, shortly after the new defense houses were opened up, some unfortunate things occurred, with the result that *The Cooperator* received several hot letters, most of them unsigned, and therefore not printed. Such a rapid influx of residents was bound to create tension, and it is to the credit of the community that it managed to remain intact until cooler heads could prevail.

In July, 1946, four hundred residents organized a mutual housing cooperative to negotiate the purchase of the entire project. Two years later Congress authorized the Public Housing Administration to liquidate federal ownership of Greenbelt. Public Law No. 65 endorsed the lack of a competitive bid in this sale, with preference going to veteran groups organized on a non-profit basis. This piece of legislation enabled "the Public Housing Commissioner to dispose of the project by means of negotiated sale, without competitive bid . . . on terms and conditions the commissioner determines to be in the best public interest." 144 Present tenants were to be protected, and entitled to become members and enjoy all the privileges of any such non-profit groups which may be formed. The original character of the projects would thus be maintained, as they would not be sold out for private speculative development.

Thus motivated, the Greenbelt Veterans' Housing Corporation began negotiations for the purchase of the city. 145 Present tenants were to be protected, and entitled to become members and enjoy all the privileges of any such non-profit groups which may be formed. The original character of the projects would thus be maintained, as they would not be sold out for private speculative development.

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TURKEY SHOOT WINNERS

The annual Turkey Shoot (a basketball foul shooting contest) was again held, co-sponsored by the Recreation Department and Greenbelt Consumer Services. Winners in this best of twenty tries received \$5 certificates good for the purchase of a turkey.

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Good to hear that Mrs. Vilma Cormack, 6-B Ridge, is feeling much better. We wish her a speedy recovery.

City employees and most members of city council showed up on the day before Thanksgiving for a farewell coffee hour in honor of Assistant City Manager Gary Stenhouse, who is moving on to a new post as town manager of Killingly, Conn.

Sorry to hear that George Beauchamp, age 13, broke his foot. Hope it mends soon, George.

Don McCaughey, 9-F Ridge, is in Prince Georges Hospital following an automobile accident. We wish him a quick recovery.

Congratulations to Sherry Snider, 3-C Ridge, who won second prize (a pair of electric scissors) for entering and modeling her two-piece wool suit in the Sears Sewing Contest. There were 36 entries.

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The income and out-go of public monies, with special emphasis on the sources of revenue available to the County from federal, state and local sources, will occupy the attention of members of the Greenbeltville unit of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County at their meeting, Thursday, December 9 at 8 p.m. at the Co-op Hospitality Room.

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CITY NOTES

The city recently hired a new policeman, David N. Fulgham, a native of Brownfield, Texas. Fulgham, 23, is single and a 4-year veteran with the Air Force. A graduate of Canyon, Texas, High School, he also completed one year of college work at West Texas State University in Canyon.

Fulgham joins the Police Department under the federal Emergency Employment Act of 1971. Under the terms of this act, the federal government pays 90 per cent of the employee's salary. The act's purpose is to create jobs for recently discharged servicemen and to provide them with on-the-job training. The size of the federal contribution reflects the fact that the position is above the employer's normal complement.

Two other new employees have been hired to work on the refuse crew. One of these men, like Fulgham, hails from Texas. Both Texans were mustered out of the service in this area.

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The Public Works crew has been repairing drainage problems throughout the city. They worked on one spot on Empire Place and another on Lastner Lane where springs overflow across sidewalks, making slippery footing in the winter. They also attempted to repair another situation on Lastner Lane where water flows underneath a sidewalk, undermining it. On White Birch Ct. they replaced a broken drain pipe.

The WSSC has been working on another sort of drain problem. Lakecrest Drive has been excavated from one side to the other, apparently in repair of a sewer main. Near the bank the WSSC excavated the grassy area next to Centerway to repair a water main.

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The Parks crew has been busy almost exclusively with leaf raking and pick-up. The men also operate the chipper machine, which reduces branches and woody debris to mulch. City manager James K. Giese notes that sometimes when the special trash crew leaves materials of this sort at the curb, it is because they plan to return later with the chipper machine. Especially heavy trash is also left for pick-up by a trailer, rather than hoisted up on the open bed truck.

Junior Highlights

Greenbelt Junior High School has, this year, 1266 students. As of September 30, our enrollment was nineteen less than the 1285 capacity of the school.

At present, GJHS has 66 faculty members. Each teacher instructs six classes daily and has one planning period. The average class size is 26.3 students, though actual class size varies from 25.2 students in each 9th grade math class to 31 in 7th grade core.

The rotating schedule is new this year. Both students and teachers approve the new schedule by a better than 2 to 1 margin in a poll taken recently by the school paper, *The Bear News*.

Report cards were issued to all students on Tuesday, November 23. For this quarter, approximately 15 students were on the straight "A" honor roll. About 300 students were on the "B average or better" honor roll.

The school instrumental department has held three concerts this year and is using all of the proceeds of these concerts to purchase a stereo system. The system will include a tape recorder, record player, speakers and microphones. These will be used in the band room by all present and future musicians at the school.

Students will leave for the Williamsburg trip, taking place this Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m. Saturday and return at 9:15 p.m. Sunday.

Parent Discussion Group

The Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will have their next bi-monthly meeting Wednesday, December 8 at the Baptist Church from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The topic next meeting will be "What are the rights of each family member?"

The topics of discussion at recent meetings have been: "How and when children develop a conscience", and "How to help children develop a good self concept."

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